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Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products November 2015

The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary November steel imports were \$1.7 billion (2.1 million metric tons) compared to the preliminary October totals of \$2.0 billion (2.7 million metric tons).

The November change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected decreases primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Increases occurred primarily in line pipe; plates cut length; and structural pipe and tube. Decreases occurred primarily with Brazil. Increases occurred primarily with Italy, Japan, and Argentina.

The year to date final statistics through October 2015 showed steel imports of 30.8 million metric tons compared with 33.6 million metric tons through October 2014. The largest commodity decreases occurred primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Increases occurred primarily in line pipe; reinforcing bars; and hot dipped sheets and galvanized strip. The largest country decreases occurred primarily with Russia. Increases occurred primarily with Turkey, Brazil, and Germany.

Notes:

The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.

Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit our web site at www.census.gov/trade. On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.

The next release is January 27, 2016.